

REMARKS

INTRODUCTION

In accordance with the foregoing, no claims have been amended. Claims 6-11 are pending and under consideration.

ADVISORY ACTION

The Applicants acknowledge with appreciation that in the Advisory Action mailed November 26, 2008, the Examiner noted that the rejections under 35 USC 112, first and second paragraphs, have been overcome.

It also appears that the prior art rejections of claims 6-11 under 35 USC 103(a) in the final Office Action mailed on September 16, 2008 have been overcome because in the Advisory Action the Examiner now is now additionally relying on Berkema et al. (US 2003/0002072), which was not cited in any of the previous Office Actions or by the Applicants in an IDS.

However, it is respectfully submitted that if the Examiner is intending to reject claims 6-11 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over DeBry (US 6,385,728) (hereinafter "DeBry") in view of Stodder et al. (US 5,727,890) (hereinafter "Stodder") and further in view of Berkema et al. (US 2003/0002072) (hereinafter "Berkema"), this combination still does not obviate the technical features of claim 6.

Further, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner cite Berkema on Form PTO-892, and further that any subsequent Office Action be non-final.

Claim 6 recites: "...wherein the security information is transmitted via a security communication line different from a communication line that transmits the document data from the transmitting facsimile machine to the receiving facsimile machine."

The Advisory Action appears to rely on Berkema to show this feature of claim 6. Referring to Figure 4 and paragraph [0053] of Berkema, Berkema discusses providing direct communication between a PDA 402 and a print content location 414. Like other example embodiments, this fourth example embodiment comprises a step of the PDA 402 establishing a wireless link 404 with the print device 406, and preferably of the print device 406 acknowledging the PDA 402 over the link 404. Further steps are comprised of the PDA establishing a communications link 412 with the location 414 having the desired print content. The link 412 preferably comprises a long-range wireless communications protocol, with a cellular based radio frequency a preferred example. Berkema, paragraph [0053].

However, it is respectfully submitted that the "separate lines" in Berkema are the PDA 402 establishing a wireless link 404 with the print device 406, and the print device 406 acknowledging the PDA 402 over the link 404. Accordingly, Berkema does not teach establishing, for example, separate communication and security links between the PDA 402 and the print device 406 and therefore it is respectfully submitted that Berkema does not obviate the technical feature of claim 6 where the security information is transmitted via a security communication line different from a communication line that transmits the document data from the transmitting facsimile machine to the receiving facsimile machine.

This technical feature of claim 6 allows for authorized users to be authenticated to print predetermined document data even when transmitting and receiving facsimile machines do not share the same manufacturer or the same protocol, which is a technical advantage not realized by the relied upon prior art, including Berkema.

Claims 7-11 depend on claim 6 and are therefore believed to be allowable for at least the foregoing reasons.

Withdrawal of the foregoing rejections is requested.

CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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